

AS SUBMITTED

**Golf Commission Meeting
January 25, 1010
Minutes**

Members Present: Don Espach, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Ron Dray; George Furkiotis; Dave Galla; Bruce Gerstman; Tony Johnson; Jim Steidlmayer

Members Absent: Sue Casey

Don Espach called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Review and approval of the Minutes

Review and approval of the Minutes of December 21, 2009... There was a motion made by Mr. Evans seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and approval of the Minutes of January 6, 2010... There was a motion made by Mr. Steidlmayer seconded by Mr. Gerstman to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation:

- Mr. Chris Lenzen and Mr. Jeff Penkoff of the Men's Club presented a request for their 2010 schedule.

Mr. Johnson made a motion; seconded by Mr. Galla to approve the Tashua Knolls Men's Club requests for the 2010 season as follows:

1. May 16 – One Day Member/Member – shotgun start 7:15 AM
2. May 23 – One Day Stableford Tournament – 14 start times
3. June 5, 6 & 12 – Sr. Club Championship
4. June 25 – Tashua Glen – 5:30 PM
5. June 26 & 27 – Two Day Member/Member – shotgun start 7:30 AM
6. July 24, 25, 31 & August 1 – Club Championship

7. August 13 – Tashua Glen – 5:30 PM
 8. August 14 & 15 – Two Day Member/Guest – Resident Rates
 9. September 19 & 26 – Ryder Cup – 14 start times
- Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Golf Course Properties Report (Hidalgo Nagashima)

Labor:

- Director of Operations – Golf Course Properties (Hidalgo Nagashima); Mechanic (Rich Plaveck); Four full-time greensmen (Jeff Cook, Jerry Cook, Chris Gallant, Craig Romano)

Maintenance Department Outline:

- Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Maintenance staff will work outside weather permitting.
- The last snow mold spray will be done this week. The greens are mostly clear of ice. The Glen tees on #7 and #8 and the Knolls #8 and #9 tees will be covered. Snow fence will be put up on the practice greens and other high traffic areas.
- Long Hill Tree has performed three days of work and will remove trees for three additional days. One additional day will be dedicated to grinding stumps. The maintenance staff has finished 98% of their tree work.
- A drainage ditch has been dug from the 2nd green to the 3rd tee on the Knolls. The water seems to be moving well.
- Mr. Nagashima will be attending the GCSAA Conference in San Diego, California, from February 8 – 10, 2010.

Greens Committee (Owen Evans):

- Mr. Evans presented the Commission with an update of the maintenance department projects list and the progress to date.

Head Professional Report (Jon Janik)

Returning Tournaments:

- July 12 – Trumbull Republicans
- September 13 – Newtown Rotary

Pro Shop:

- The pro shop staff will be attending the PGA Conference in Orlando, Florida from January 26 – 30, 2010.

General Manager Report (Bobby Brown)

Golf Operations:

- Tournament contracts will be mailed out once rates are approved.
- The Point of Sale system and the computers are being updated for the 2010 season.

Plant and Facility:

- Mr. Faustini, Concessionaire, was presented a letter advising him that the golf course will only plow the driveway and circle of the clubhouse during regular business hours of 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Gralor Inc. will be responsible for plowing at all other times and areas to accommodate their banquets and other functions.

House Committee (Tony Johnson):

- Mr. Johnson will work with Mr. Brown and Mr. Nagashima to develop a priority list for work to be done at the maintenance barn.
- We will be obtaining quotes for replacement of the sliding windows in the pro shop.

Executive (Owen Evans)

- None

Finance (Don Espach)

- Mr. Espach and Mr. Brown met with the First Selectman and Ms. Pires, Acting Finance Director, to go over the 2010/11 budget. Several minor questions were asked and the overall meeting went well.

Correspondence

- A letter was received from Mr. Joe Campion, President of the Sr. Men's Club with their requests for the 2010 golf season:

Mr. Johnson made a motion; seconded by Mr. Gerstman to approve the Tashua Knolls Sr. Men's Club requests for the 2010 season:

1. Block time on Wednesday mornings not to exceed 3.5 hours from the normal start time.
2. July 21 – Interclub Event – resident rates.
3. July 6 – Junior Golf Event

Motion carried unanimously.

- A letter was also received from Barbara Whetsone of the Fundraising Committee of the Trumbull High School Gold Eagle Marching Band requesting a fundraiser to be held at the golf course. The proposal contains several ideas that the band members and their parents would run to raise funds for the band without actually holding a tournament at the course. A discussion was held between Commission members as to the pros and cons of holding such an event. It was decided to form a Committee made up of Mr. Dray, Mr. Gerstman and Mr. Galla to present a proposal to the Commission.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Mr. Espach began the discussion on the rates for the 2010 golf season. He suggested that with economic climate and the state of the Town, that the rates should be held flat for the upcoming season. A brief discussion was held among members regarding the rates.

Mr. Johnson made a motion; seconded by Mr. Evans to hold the rates for the 2010 golf season. Motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Evans had previously distributed the Trumbull Municipal Golf Regulations for the Trumbull Golf Course Commission to all Commissioners. The document needed updating to reflect changes made during recent years. The document was reviewed page by page and several more changes were recommended. Mr. Evans will update the document again with the help of Mr. Brown and Mr. Espach and submit the Regulation for review once again.
- Mrs. Sue Casey has submitted her resignation from the Commission due to the fact that she is moving out of town.

A motion to adjourn at 9:16 PM was made by Mr. Steidlmayer; seconded by Mr. Galla. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Plumeau
Golf Commission Clerk